

REMARKS

The rejections presented in the Office Action dated August 8, 2005 have been considered. Claims 1-19 and 25-39 are cancelled without prejudice for purposes of expediting prosecution, and new claims 40-43 are added to claim the invention in alternative language. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the original claims (prior to amendment) and the subject matter of the cancelled claims in subsequent prosecution. Claims 20-24 and 40-43 are pending in the application. Applicants appreciate Examiner's indication of allowability of claims 20-23.

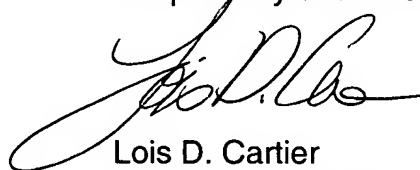
Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1-4, 6-19, 25-26, and 28-39 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over "Charlton" (U.S. Patent No. 6,289,292 to Charlton et al.) in view of "MacArthur" (U.S. Patent No. 5,925,920 to MacArthur et al.) is respectfully traversed. However, the claims 1-19 and 25-39 are cancelled and the rejection is now moot.

CONCLUSION

The pending claims are thought to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and a notice of allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Remarks presented above. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

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